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SUBJ: SOWETO AFTERMATH: ARSON CONTINUES

REF: PRETORIA 3302

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, JULY 27-28 PERIOD MARKED BY FURTHER WIDESPREAD ARSON ATTEMPTS AGAINST AFRICAN SCHOOLS. AS IN EARLIER CASES, DAMAGE RANGED FROM SLIGHT TO APPRECIABLE, USUALLY AFFECTING ONE ROOM OF A BUILDING. ARSON REPORTED IN TRANSVAAL LOCATIONS OF ALBERTON, SPRINGS, AND SESHEGO (LEBOWA HOMELAND) IN EDDITION TO 5 SCHOOLS AND A CLUBHOUSE IN SOWETO. OTHER INCIDENTS OF ARSON DURING SAME PERIOD INCLUDE TUGELA FERRY AND NDWEDWE IN NATAL AND IN WITSIESHOEK (QWAQWA HOMELAND) IN ORANGE FREE STATE. NO DEATHS OR INJURIES

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REPORTED.

2. JULY 28 PRESS REPORTS THAT MR. M.C. DE BEER, SENIOR SCHOOL INSPECTOR, HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO KIMBERLY AS OF SEPTEMBER 1. DE BEER IS ONE OF FIVE BANTU EDUCATION OFFICIALS WHOSE REMOVAL WAS DEMANDED BY SOWETO EDUCATORS AS REPORTED REFTEL. SECRETARY FOR BANTU EDUCATION G.J. ROUSSEAU DENIED ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN SOWETO DEMAND AND DE BEER TRANSFER. DESPITE ATTEMPTED ARSON AND POSSIBLE INTIMIDATION BY SOME FELLOW PUPILS, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, SOWETO SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS GRADUALLY RISING. ATTENDANCE AT MAMELODI, NEAR PRETORIA, IS REPORTEDLY NEAR NORMAL. BOWDLER

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